SECURITY INFORMATION

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otober 5, 1953

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. George Morgan, Acting Deputy Executive Officer,

Operations Coordinating Board

SUBJECT

: Terms of Reference for a Working Group to Coordinate

Implementation of PSB D-23

REFERENCE

: NSC Action No. 900

## \*NSC Declassification/Release Instructions on File\*

An interdepartmental working group met on September 28, 1953 to consider recommendations to the CCE on the coordination of actions taken under PSB D-23.

This group, composed of individuals familiar with the agency responsibilities assigned in the paper, and with the climate of opinion soight by it, recommends that:

- 1. In general, coordination be accomplished with a minimum of formality:
- 2. Primary responsibility for operations arising out of the plan remain with the agencies:
- 3. Agency arrangements for implementation of Phase I be completed not later than November 15;
- 4. Implementation of agency tasks and their coordination, when necessary, need not aweit completion of all operational planning; some projects should be started immediately;
- 5. A working group, chaired by the representative of the Department of State, with an Executive Secretary from the CCB staff, be set up to facilitate inter-agency coordination in accordance with Section 2 of the OCE Executive Order; (this working group is not intended to replace normal inter-agency procedures for coordination; \*)
- 6. The Chairman and Executive Secretary maintain close contact, wherever feasible, with activities within the scope of the paper, and request group consultation as necessary;
- 7. The working group report on implementation to the OCE by February 1, 1954, and thereafter as directed.
- \* State proposal, not concurred in by other agency representatives.

cc - Capt. Smith, Defense Mr. Dines, FOA

Mr. MacDonald. OCB

Mr. Bundy, USIA

Kenneth P. Landon Chairman (Department of State)

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